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Re: Office Action Mailed August 2, 2001

10 Dear Ms. Faye Francis,

Thank you for your correspondence of August 2, 2001. Your comments, references cited and attached pages about the patent process and Patent Office were very helpful in reorganizing and rewriting the claims.

I dropped the attempted uses of the Markush group and incorporated ideas from the pages you attached on how to organize and phrase claims for maximum simplicity and coverage. As a result, the newly stated twenty claims use fewer words than the original three. I believe they are also more direct, specific and accurate. I hope and believe that the revised claims avoid your noted concerns that the claims were indefinite.

More specific response to your office action follows.

**Drawings** 

1. The limitations in subsection 13, 15, and 18 of claim 1 have been canceled from the claims.

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